

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. Applicant's amendments and accompanying arguments filed 8/12/2011 are sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 22 and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, that rejection has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Applicant's amendments and accompanying arguments filed 8/12/2011 are sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 15, 17-19 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, that rejection has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Applicant's cancellation of claims 35, 36 and 38 renders the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of those claims moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15, 17-19, 22, 24-26, 29 and 31-34 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON STRANGE whose telephone number is (571)272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Firmin Backer can be reached on 571-272-6703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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